

HO-1090

6372 Beechfield Avenue, Harwood Park
Private

Description:

The house is a one-story, two-bay by two-bay frame bungalow with a rock-faced concrete block foundation, vinyl siding, and a hip roof with asphalt shingles and a northeast-southwest ridge. There is a modern, shed-roofed addition on the southwest that is not historic. There is a brick chimney centered on the ridge, where the original section and the southwest addition meet. On the northeast elevation the eastern half of the porch is enclosed, with a parged foundation under this half and the north half set on piers. The north bay porch has a new deck and railing, and plain square posts. There is a hip-roofed dormer with a two-light casement. The northwest elevation of the enclosed porch has a modern wood door with nine panels.

Significance:

The house at 6372 Beechfield Avenue in Harwood Park is a small bungalow that has been added to on the front and rear, has been resided, and had all the windows replaced, rendering it little more than a shell. It illustrates the changing character of the development of Harwood Park. The earliest lots in the neighborhood were large, as were the houses (typically 2 or 2 ½ stories), though not many of them were built. In the 1930s and later the lots tended to be smaller, as were the houses (typically 1 or 1 ½ stories), and the designs were much less distinct. The house at 6372 Beechfield Avenue in Harwood Park reflects this period of development. The house is scheduled to be razed to make way for new development and a duplex has already been constructed on the northwestern half of the lot.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO-1090

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other

2. Location

street and number 6372 Beechfield Avenue not for publication

city, town Harwood Park vicinity

county Howard

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name TSZ Properties LLC

street and number 6372 Beechfield Avenue telephone

city, town Elkridge state MD zip code 21075

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 13854 folio 122

city, town Ellicott City tax map 38 tax parcel 873 tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	0
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	0
			Total
			0

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The house at 6372 Beechfield Avenue in Harwood Park, near Elkridge in eastern Howard County, Maryland, is located at the southern corner of the intersection of Beechfield avenue and Highland Avenue and faces northeast onto Beechfield Avenue. The lot is flat and the house is set close to the street.

The house is a one-story, two-bay by two-bay frame bungalow with a rock-faced concrete block foundation, vinyl siding, and a hip roof with asphalt shingles and a northeast-southwest ridge. There is a modern, shed-roofed addition on the southwest that is not historic. There is a brick chimney centered on the ridge, where the original section and the southwest addition meet.

On the northeast elevation the eastern half of the porch is enclosed, with a parged foundation under this half and the north half set on piers. The east bay has a tripartite picture window with fake diamond muntins in the outer portions. The north bay porch has a new deck and railing, and plain square posts. The recessed wall has a tripartite picture window. There is a hip-roofed dormer with a two-light casement.

The northwest elevation of the enclosed porch has a modern wood door with nine panels. The north bay has no opening, and the west bay has a tripartite picture window. The southeast elevation has a two-light casement in the south bay, a modern bay window in the east bay, and a tripartite picture window with fake diamond muntins in the outer portions that spans the gap from the original east corner of the house into the enclosed porch.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates N/A

Architect/Builder N/A

Construction dates c. 1930-50

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 6,000 sq. ft.
Acreage of historical setting 6,000 sq. ft.
Quadrangle name Relay

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the outlines of the property, tax map 38, parcel 873, which encompasses all of the historic buildings and features on the site.

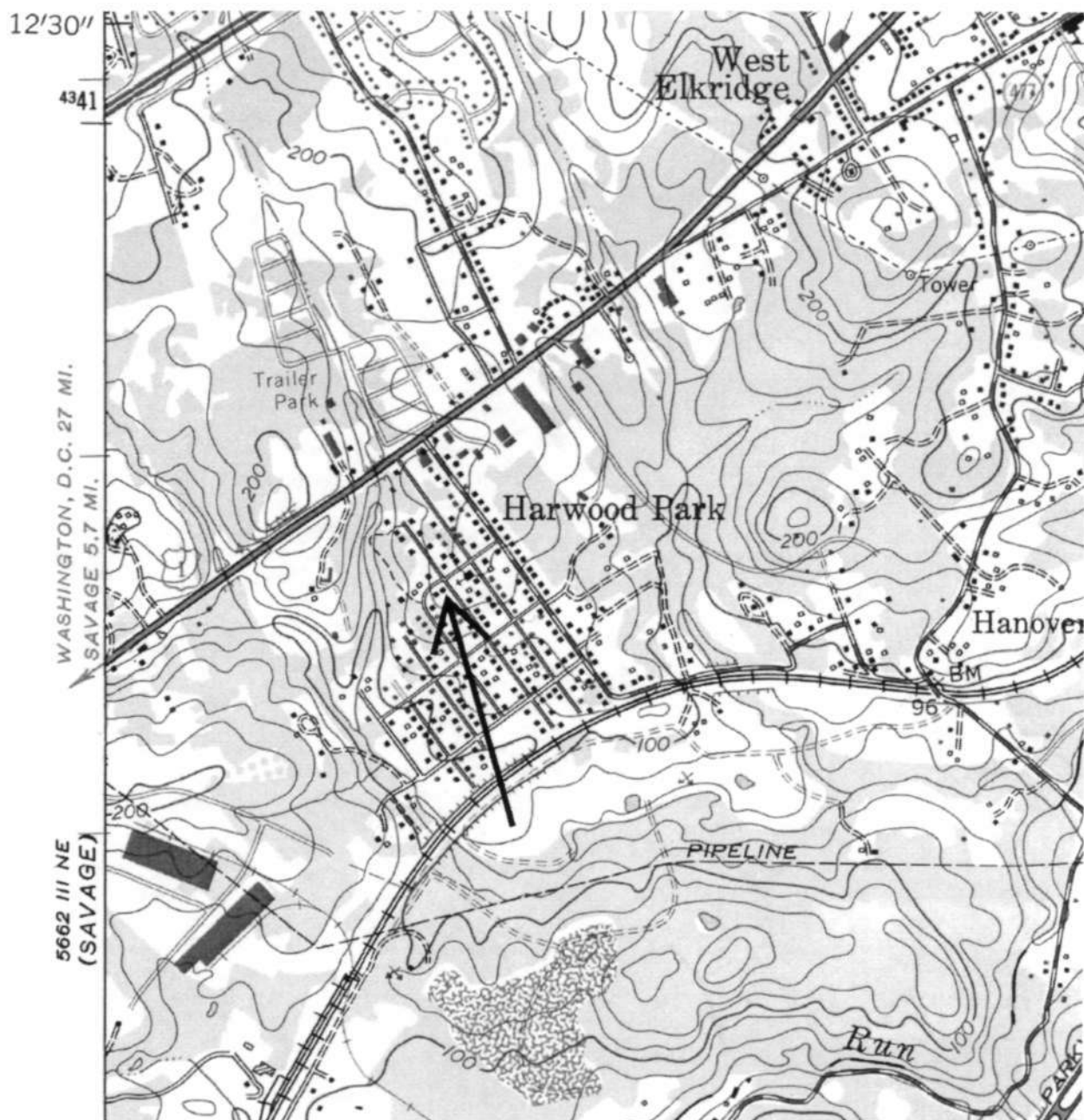
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Ken Short		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	June 2012
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600



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6372 Beechfield Avenue
Relay quad

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6372 Beechfield Avenue
Howard County, Maryland
Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera
HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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Northeast & northwest elevations

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Southeast & northeast elevations



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